

ACTON 250TH COMMITTEE

November 27, 1984

Attendees:

Ellen Holway  
Anita Dodson  
Ann Jones  
Susan Harrigan  
David Westlake  
Debbie Alesbury

Jean Brzezinski  
Patti Lombardo  
Tina Britton  
Liz Kintigh  
Lawrence Wiederholt

1. The Recording Secretaries for the 250th Committee were praised for the 250th's recent monumental mailing.
2. Minutes of the October 17, 1984 meeting were approved.
3. Treasurer's Report. Debbie Alesbury said that not all of the 250th Committees had submitted their budgets. The Committees who had reported to Debbie were: 250 Ball, Senior Citizens, Oral History, Community Chorus, Textile Exhibit, Parade, Youth Committee, Square Wheelers, Historical Society, and Overhead Budget. The absolute budget cut-off deadline is January 8, 1985. Debbie Alesbury (22 High St., Acton, 263-3788) must have your budget request no later than January 8.
4. Old Business
  - A. Calendar dates list was circulated for changes.
  - B. Membership list was circulated for changes.
  - C. Liz Kintigh volunteered to head Ticket Committee.
  - D. Acton Newcomers will handle transportation for Senior Citizens and Handicapped.
5. New Business
  - A. Ellen Holway met with the Minutemen. They have accepted responsibility for many events.
    1. The Minutemen will look into Colonial Fair on Parade Day, Flag Day in School Dedication Ceremonies, Flag Ceremonies and Time Capsule Ceremonies.
    2. The Minutemen are looking into making a Town Flag. They will donate \$200 to the project, but the total cost will be considerably more. (The first bid from Cambridge Flag was \$695.) Jeff Davis is seeking other bids. Robert Conquest is working with Jeff.
    3. This flag has been approved for flying in town center by Selectmen per Don Gilberti.
  - B. Ellen Holway met with Rich Miller, Public Ceremonies & Celebrations Committee to coordinate efforts for all 250th annual events.

1. Planned program expansions:
    - a. Community Carol Sing
    - b. ... Marshalls at Bridge.
    - c. Memorial Day with Dedications and WWII Reunion, etc.
  2. Program Changes - Work on July 3rd
    - a. Fireworks
  3. Create new events - Flag and Time Capsule ceremonies
  4. Plan bunting.
- C. Ellen Holway met with Bud Flannery, President ABPA. (New Representative of the Rotary Club to 250th)
1. His committee will look at Cameboard as fundraiser.
  2. Bingo as fundraiser.
  3. Barbecue for June 15.
  4. Reunions for Veteran's - He has priceless war footage.
  5. Graduation reception.
  6. Thanksgiving reception.
  7. Block dances.
  8. Help with student dances and activities.
- D. A dynamite member - Carol Emerson - is back on board for Youth!
1. There was a vacation dance at the high school on November 23. This was a pilot project sponsored by Parents, Youth Commission, Code, ABCD, SAAD. If successful, more dances (ie., Holidays 1984-85 - Dec. 28, February, Graduation, June on Tennis Courts, September, October at Halloween and November again!) will be scheduled for the future.
- E. Sally Bersinger (Clergy Liaison for Youth), Ellen Holway and Rev. Richard Black (Chairperson-Ecumenical Group) met with Youth Leaders to discuss possible projects. There is interest in Carol Sing, Intramurals, Video workshop and production, work camp as service project. Another meeting is scheduled at Acton Congregational Church.
- F. Ellen Holway met with the Printers. Posters and postcards will be ready the first week of December. The 250th Committee is currently looking into vendors for 250th memorabilia. Susan Harrigan volunteered to help Ellen in this project.
6. Discussions with:
- A. Conservation Commission: Bob Guba, Brewster Conant and Scout Leadership walking lands to set priorities and determine projects to prepare for 250th events.
  - B. Serendipity: Will do Egg Hunt.
  - C. Selectmen have annual events to coordinate. They will do benches and an old fashioned dress for Town Meeting under consideration.
  - D. Conservation Trust considering historical site markers, bridges land development and educational tours for town for all seasons.

- E. Community Chorus: Report on funding, membership, program, etc.
  - F. Historical Society: Anita Dodson said the quilt should be ready by April. The Historical Society has received \$250 and \$600 grants to be put towards the publishing of Civil War letters. Also, they will be working on Time Capsule.
  - G. Major Local Corporation will contribute funds for any historical publication as a result of 250th.
7. In the Works:
- A. Raffle Wrap-up - depends on budget.
  - B. Regional Schools celebrate 30th year.
  - C. Publicity & Video
  - D. Article to be written by Yankee Magazine.
8. Further Announcements:
- A. 250th Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall.
  - B. The next Parade Meeting will be Thursday, January 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall.
  - C. 250th Ball: Tickets will be on sale as of January 7 at Community Education Office and West Acton Pharmacy.
  - D. The next 250th General Meeting will be the "Volunteer Appreciation Kick-off Party". This party will be held at the Acton Corporation on Sunday, January 27 from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. Susan Harrigan will work on these invitations, which will be sent to all 250th Committee Members.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

THE T. H. H. PEOPLE:

PLEASE PASS THIS ON TO YOUR  
COMMITTEE MEMBERS. As their  
representative to the 250th  
Committee, you are their linkage.